

AGENDA ITEM: System Advisory Board

ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING: SAB Member Attendance at CLA Annual Conference.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD: I move that the Library of California Board approve the use of 2000/01 allocated SAB Program funds, where available within each approved SAB budget, and where requested, to reimburse one SAB member from each System for expenses incurred in attending the November 2000 Library of California Board meeting and the California Library Association conference to be held in Santa Clara.

BACKGROUND:

In past years the State Board has approved the use of CLSA SAB Program funds allotted to Systems to support the costs of attendance by one SAB member per System at the annual conference of the California Library Association (CLA). SAB members have reported worthwhile benefits from attending the CLA conference in past years, citing the gaining of a wider understanding of library issues and trends and the opportunity to interact with SAB members from other areas of the State as particularly useful. It is recommended that the LoC Board approve blanket attendance this year for one SAB member from each System, provided that travel funds are available from within the currently approved System SAB budget to support the cost of such attendance. State Board policy has been to consider approval of SAB member attendance at the CLA conference on a year-by-year basis.

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: 2000/01 System Plans of Service for the System Advisory Board Program indicate that all 15 Systems have planned to accomplish the duties specified for SAB's in the Act (See Exhibit A). Plans of Service estimates show that SAB members will collectively travel over 49,600 miles to attend SAB and Administrative Council meetings and contribute well over 20,000 hours, in meeting time alone, to the effort to improve System planning for the delivery of CLSA supported services. This estimate does not include the many hours contributed by SAB members to System special projects and publicity.

Each year Systems are required to report the representation of various designated population segments on their System Advisory Boards. A compilation of these reports is included as Exhibit B. Board members are reminded that "representation" does not

necessarily constitute membership in specific population segments, and that a single SAB member may represent more than one designated category. It should also be noted that SAB members are appointed by the governing bodies of member library jurisdictions, not by System Administrative Councils.

PROGRAM TRENDS: System Plans of Services indicate that System Advisory Boards will continue their emphasis on publicity and public relations as well as their activities in the evaluation of System services and in the assessment of community needs for library services. Some Systems continue to provide their SABs the opportunity to participate in System-sponsored workshops and training events. Many SABs are making the needs of libraries known through personal contacts and written communications to state and local legislators, local officials and community groups.

For the last three years the Board has held a luncheon at its November meeting in honor of all SABs to recognize the valuable assistance that SABs provide to the planning and delivery of System services. Arrangement for this event are underway.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Summary of 1999/2000 SAB program achievements and activities based on System Annual Reports (November 2000).

Relevant Committee: CLSA Transition

Staff Liaison: Sandy Habbestad